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IL-28's REPORTED SIGHTED BY UN PILOTS

On 17 December an F-86 pilot flying at 29,000 feet in Northwest Korea near the Yalu River observed a large straight wing twin-engine jet type aircraft at 35,000 feet with two MIG's flying close to its right wing. The aircraft was moving at a comparatively low rate of speed and seemed to be hanging in air.

Three minutes later other UN pilots observed a single aircraft across the Yalu River at 25,000 feet. This aircraft, which was in a slow right turn, was definitely identified as a straight wing twin-engine jet.

Far East Air Force believes these planes to be IL-28's.

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Comment: This is the first report of observation of IL-28's in the Korean theatre since acceptance of the presence of this type aircraft in Manchuria.

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